

Kansas Day



2004

It's a double celebration! Come join us as we celebrate Kansas's 143rd birthday and the 150th anniversary of Kansas Territory!

The Kansas-Nebraska Act created Kansas Territory in 1854. Kansas remained a territory until January 29, 1861, when the signature of President Buchanan on the Wyandotte Constitution made it a state.

Participate in the celebration with many hands-on activities, performances, and demonstrations. Learn about the importance of corn in early Kansas as you make a corn necklace. Enjoy Native American dances as you learn about the Indians that lived on the plains. Sew on a quilt like pioneer women did. Write with pen and ink in the fashion of early Kansas pupils.



January 29, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kansas Museum of History

Admission and activities are free

For more information, or to schedule a visit, call 785-272-8681, ext. 414 or e-mail education@kshs.org.

More special Kansas Day activities are taking place at the capitol on January 29 too!



Kansas State Historical Society
6425 SW Sixth Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099
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Crafts and Activities (in the lobby)

- a Carding and Spinning Wool** – Help card wool. Watch as wool is spun into yarn. Kansas pioneers used wool yarn to make clothing and blankets.
- b Historic Games and Toys** – From whirligigs to wooden puzzles, you'll discover toys that children played with long ago.
- c Food in Kansas Territory** – Learn about the types of food early settlers in Kansas ate.
- d Yarn Dolls** – Make a doll for yourself like early pioneers did.
- e Corn Necklaces** – Make a necklace from corn and learn about the importance of this crop for settlers. Corn was a staple of the pioneer diet in Kansas Territory.
- f Native American Matching Game** Explore the lifestyles of Native Americans of the Great Plains as you play this matching game.
- g Abraham Lincoln Hat** – Make a Lincoln Hat book complete with stories about Abraham Lincoln's visit to Kansas Territory.
- h Tumbling Prairie Dogs** – Race a Tumbling Prairie Dog.
- i Quilting** – Help make a quilt. Talk to quilters who are continuing this centuries-old tradition.

Interpreters (in the gallery)

- 1 Native American area**
- 2 Covered Wagon**
- 3 Civil War**
- 4 Drovers Car**
- 5 Locomotive**

In the AV Theater

- j Kansas Jeopardy Game** – Just like the real Jeopardy game, you'll compete with other players to see who knows the most about Kansas history.

Demonstrators and Activities (in the Mission)

- **Writing with Pen and Ink**
- **Native American Music and Crafts**
- **Chair Caning**



Performances *(in the Museum Classrooms)*

- **9:30-9:50 Pioneer Life** – Hear stories of a pioneer wife and mother living in Kansas at the time it was preparing for statehood. The past comes to life with storyteller Rosie Cutrer.
- **10:00-10:20 Native American Music and Dance** – Dennis Rogers shares his Native American heritage through music and dance.
- **10:45-11:05 Pioneer Life** – Repeat of earlier performance.
- **11:30-11:50 Native American Music and Dance** – Repeat of earlier performance.
- **1:00 – 1:20 Pioneer Life** – Repeat of earlier performance.
- **1:45 – 2:05 Native American Music and Dance** – Repeat of earlier performance.

Exhibits

- **Voices from the Heartland: A Kansas Legacy** – The exhibits in the main gallery lead visitors from early native tribes through frontier settlements all the way to the neon 1980s. The exhibit features a full-sized Cheyenne tipi, a covered wagon, a 1950s diner, a uniform jacket worn by Dwight D. “Ike” Eisenhower, and much more!
- **On the Road Again** – Car lovers will enjoy this display of two early vehicles and related transportation items. The exhibit features the rare Great Smith automobile, Sinclair gas pump, a child-sized electric car, soap box derby cars, and more!



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Craft and Activity Stations in the Lobby

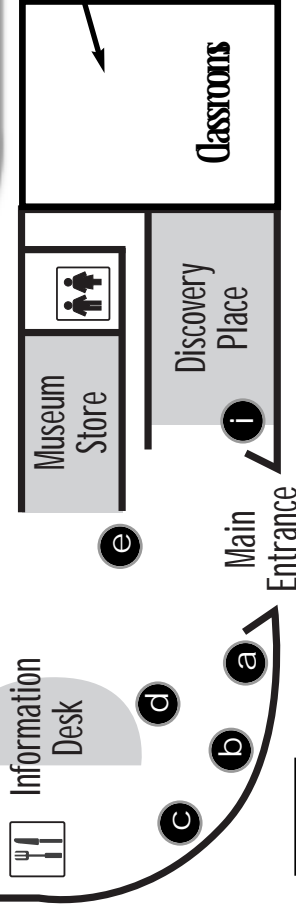
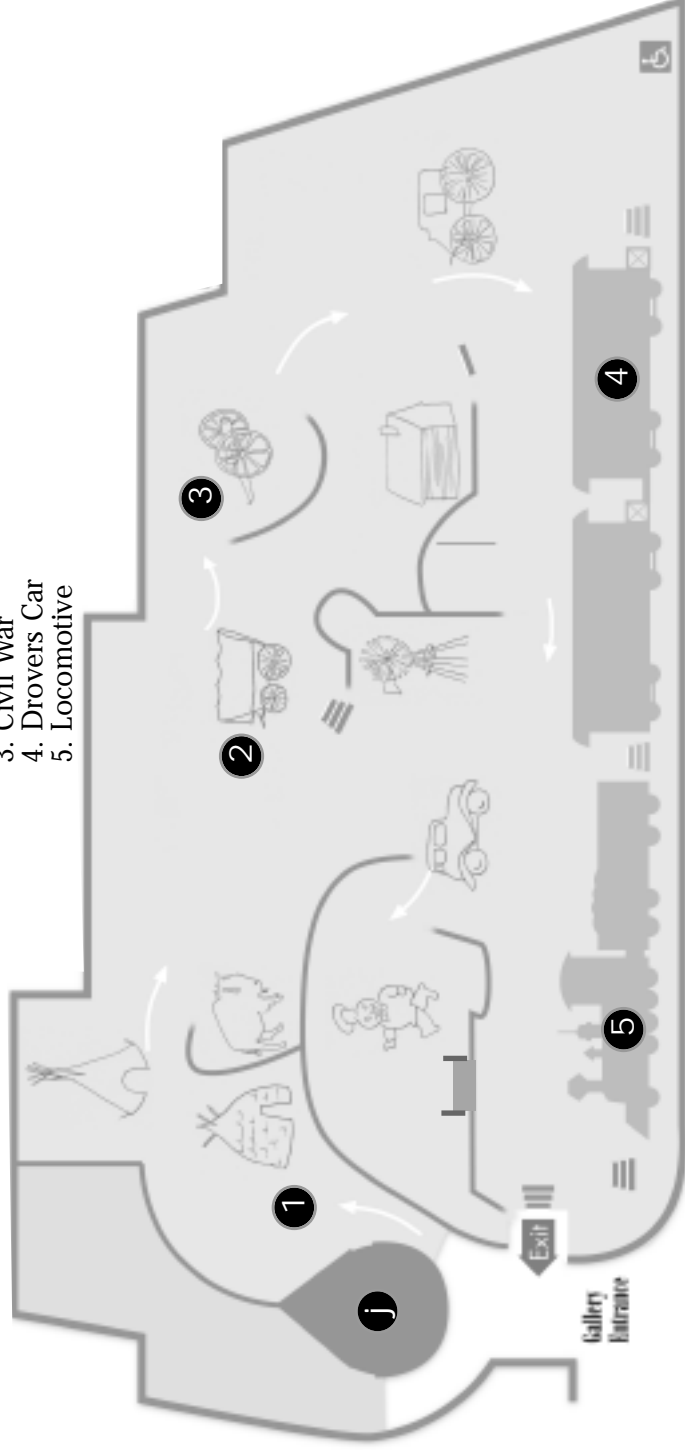
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- Historic Toys and Games
- Food in Kansas Territory
- Yarn Dolls
- Corn Necklaces
- Native American Matching Game
- Abraham Lincoln Hat Flip Book
- Tumbling Prairie Dogs
- Quilting

In the AV Theater

- Kansas Jeopardy Game

Interpreters in Gallery

- Native American Area
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Demonstrations and Activities in the Mission

- Writing with Pen and Ink
- Native American Music and Crafts
- Chair Caning

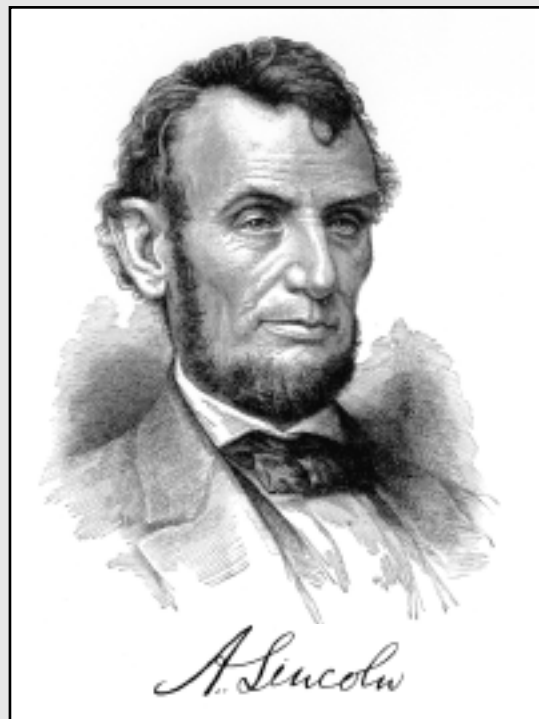
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President Lincoln's Hat

Cut a hat-shaped book cover from black construction paper.

Place each bookmark-sized story inside the hat-shaped book cover. Glue a portrait of President Lincoln on the cover of the book.



Abraham Lincoln was the first American president to wear a beard. And his beard had ties to Kansas.



When Lincoln was campaigning for president he received a letter from 11-year-old Grace Bedell. "I have got four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway and if you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you." Grace wrote. "You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin...All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease their husbands to vote for you and then you would be President."

Abraham Lincoln grew a beard and later was elected president.

Grace went to watch President Lincoln give a speech and he asked to meet his "little correspondent." Lincoln gave Grace a kiss on the cheek and the crowd cheered.

At age 19, Grace married and moved with her husband to Osborne County, Kansas. Today, Grace's letter to Lincoln and his return letter to her are engraved on a monument in Delphos.



From Kansas Kaleidoscope, February 1998

If I went West, I think I would go to Kansas.

-Abraham Lincoln

Before Abraham Lincoln was elected President he came to Kansas for six days. He came to visit his cousins. He also came to give speeches about what he would do when he became president.

Abraham Lincoln loved to tell jokes and stories to children. His niece, Mary Delahay wrote down one of the funny stories.

One day, Mr. Lincoln took off his size 14 boots. He told his son he thought he had something inside the toe of his boot. His son tapped the heel of the boot on the floor and out came a full-grown mouse.



From Lincoln and Kansas
By Carol Dark Ayers



Abe Lincoln liked to tease his nieces Mary and Julia Delahay. He would tell them stories about his sons at home. The girls liked the stories so much that Mr. Lincoln told them he would give them his sons. He said, "Shall I give them to you girls? Mary, there is Robert for you, and Julia you may have Willie, but what about Tad? What shall I do about him- - there is no girl for him." Then he chuckled and repeated what Tad said when people asked him his name: "My name is Tod, but they call me Tommie Tad sometime." And Mr. Lincoln's great voice would roar in laughter.

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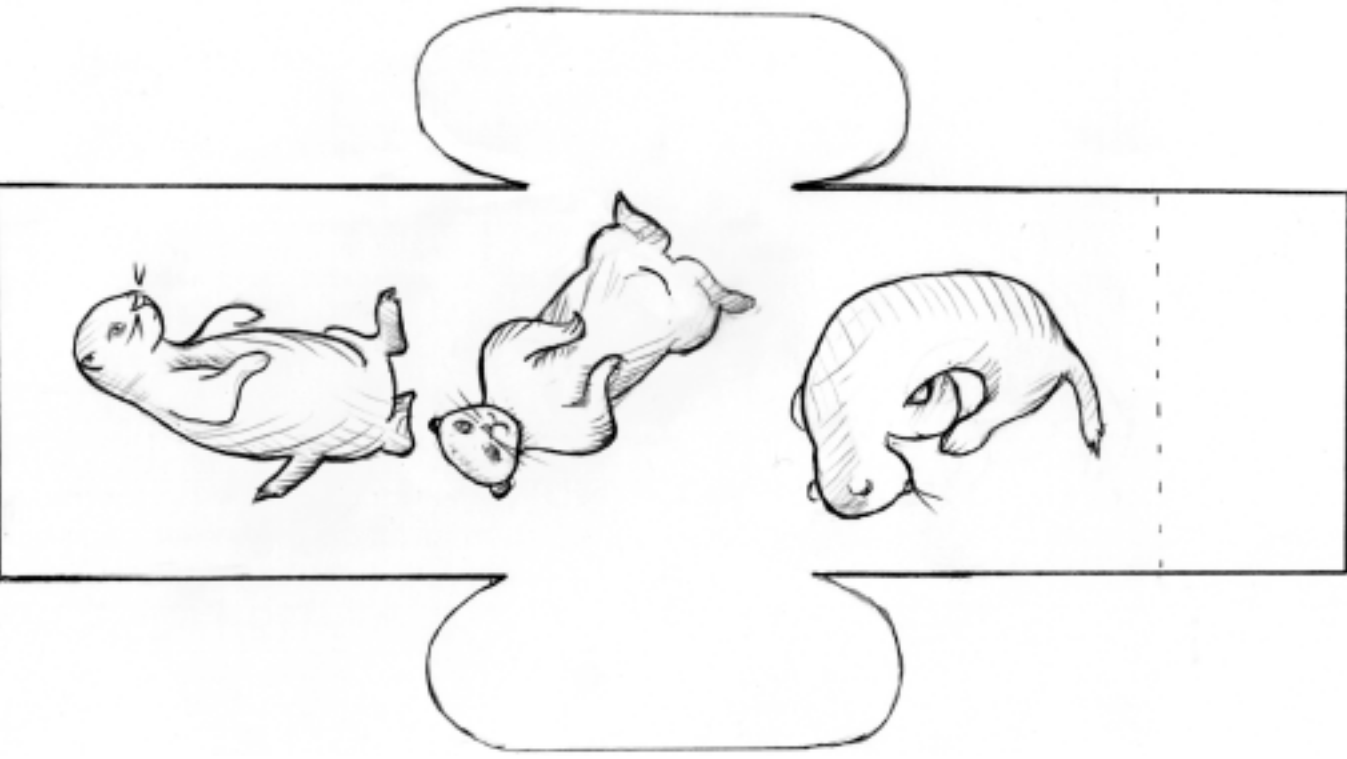
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Tumbling Prairie Dogs

Cut pattern on solid line. Bend the long ends to the dotted line. Tape together. Hold circle to form an oblong shape and tape one flap to the oblong circle. (This will close one side of the circle.) Before taping the other side, insert two marbles. Tape the other side closed. Place prairie dog on an inclined board and watch him go.

Have fun making and racing these neat little Kansas Critters!



Willing to Die for Freedom

A Look Back at Kansas Territory

Special Exhibits Gallery
Kansas Museum of History
April 3 – October 3, 2004



Freedom

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When the territory opened in 1854, it quickly became the center of attention as people battled over whether the state would become free or slave. Kansas quickly became the flashpoint for two events that changed our nation forever--the abolition of slavery and the Civil War.

The centerpiece of this exhibit will be the actual Kansas-Nebraska Act, on display April - June 2004. Considered among the top 100 documents that shaped America, the Act never before has been outside the Washington, D.C. area.

Explore the stories of those who were willing to die for freedom and those of ordinary people who came here seeking new opportunities. Featured in the exhibit:

- John Brown desk, dagger, and pike
- Leg shackle cut from a freed man

- Military flags and weapons
- Abraham Lincoln banner
- Actual Kansas constitution

Find information about online curriculum materials on the Kansas Territory at www.kshs.org/teachers/news/

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday

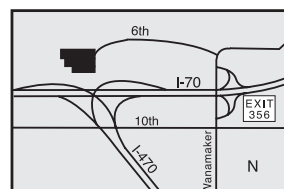
\$4 adults, \$3 seniors (60 and over)

\$2 students (K - 12, college students with ID)

Children 5 and under admitted free

An annual pass is available for frequent visitors

Closed state holidays



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